



Trafford & District Woodcraft Club

NEWSLETTER

Club Website: www.traffordwoodcraft.co.uk

January 2022

CHAIRMAN'S CHAT

Now we are getting under way again, I would like to wish everyone a good New Year. We will no doubt meet new friends and expand on our new members during 2022 which will be good.

The pre Christmas sales were somewhat disappointing, so we look forward to the events this year to sell some of our accumulated wares.

When thinking about a subject for this month, I lighted upon our adventures with the TV. Our children think, with some accuracy, that we are behind the times and awhile back resolved to get us a Now box to give us more scope. This didn't work out too well, and after getting an arial we soon abandoned it.

Next we had a visit from daughter Victoria, but she only came on the proviso that we got a Netflix subscription. Again, not a success because she didn't use the TV; instead watching it on her phone or tablet and we did less.

In the meantime, I had subscribed to Britbox, as I was keen to see Spitting Image but in the event only managed to see a few episodes and cancelled it. As you will no doubt know most of this can now be watched on iplayer, or ITV Hub or U Tube but so far not in our house! We now get by using Humax, mainly to pause and record, but at least it doesn't require a subscription.

It may not surprise you that when visiting relatives at Christmas, we found that they have all the systems possible and watch about six hours a day!

Robin Walling

It is with great regret that Trafford and District Woodcraft Club announce the recent death of Cliff Farrington. Cliff was one of our earliest members and a full obituary will be shown next month.

Wood Carvers Poem

I saw this piece of wood one day. When I picked it up, it seemed to say
There's something hiding inside of me; Remove some chips and you will see.
I looked to see what I might find and soon an image came to mind.
My task was now to set it free - what's hidden in this piece of tree.
With loving care each cut was made, wood peeled off with a sharp edged blade
And as each chip fell to the floor, I could see the object more and more.
By one final cut it was set free, my work of art for all to see.
This piece of wood which would lay and see its body soon decay,
Was now transformed and given life with careful cuts of gouge and knife.
By carving something from this tree, It Lives Again Because of Me.

Poet Unknown.

RANDOM SCRIBBLINGS FROM BROADBOTTOM – January 2022

DEMONSTRATIONS & COMPETITONS

As Events secretary I have just updated the 2022 demonstration diary to ensure that as from February we have demonstrators booked and confirmed. Some of these guys were originally booked for 2020 rearranged for 2021 and then rearranged for 2022.

Hand in hand with demonstrations are our monthly competitions. These are just light hearted so come everyone 'have a go'. All details are in the newsletter and on our website-www.traffordwoodcraft.co.uk.

We will never know exactly how/why several members caught COVID in September 2021 but as demonstrator that month I was uncomfortably aware, sadly after the event, that I broke all of the guidelines because I was so excited just to get back behind the lathe and 'the smell of crowd and the roar of the greasepaint' took over.

Everybody can help and remember that it's so important for not just members but Amey staff and visiting demonstrators that we:-

- Keep a safe distance
- Use the sanitiser provided
- Wear a face mask

Our demonstrators will be asked to help with all of the above. We will use our new camera kit to show details that we haven't been able to before to minimise hand contact.

FOUNDER MEMBERS AND SALES OF THEIR WORKSHOP CONTENTS.

I was very pleased earlier this month at your interest and support when we had a sale of some of the contents of the workshop of founder member Henry Milner. Henry died at the end of 2020 and COVID has delayed our help for his widow Chris. Many of you may never have met Henry or even heard of him. Chris was overwhelmed by your support. Well done. There is much more to come from his workshop so please tell me if there are any bits and bobs that you need.

On a similar vein at the end of January there will be a 2nd sale this time from the workshop of Cliff Farrington. Cliff just like Henry was a life member and in at the very start up of TDWC back in November 1998.

Cliff the 'Rocking Horse Man' died on Sunday January 9th. When I spoke to him last, sadly only weeks ago at the funeral of his wife and lifelong pal Hazel, he confirmed that what was left in his workshop was to go to TDWC funds. I will email separately from the newsletter what is for sale.

I plan to hold back Cliff's obituary until after the funeral, date yet to be advised, as I am certain that I will be amazed at the tales that will come out at both the service and the wake. Suffice to say Cliff was a bit of a character and I hope to do him full justice. Those that knew him will understand when I say that I may have to watch my language, my wife who proof reads my stuff and our Editor be aware!

OUTSIDE EVENTS 2022

For many members the star event in past years may have been the Harrogate Wood Show. Well it was feared that after being cancelled for 2 years it might be gone for ever as people become more accustomed to buying online.

FEAR NOT! It is reported online that the 2022 event is scheduled for Friday 11th- Sunday 13th November to be held at the Yorkshire Showground as in previous years.

What is it?

Many of the Norths main suppliers of woodturning kit with show offers and discounts, second hand tools, also top class demonstrators doing their stuff all housed in the exhibition hall. There is also a very reasonable priced seated catering area and coffee and cake stalls for when you need to recharge and decide what you can smuggle through the front door back home. As in previous years, we hope to have a TWDC members 'charabanc' on the Saturday 12th November.

Watch this space for notification of sale of tickets, there may even be one as a raffle prize.

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We hope to attend many more local fairs and festivals than last year which allows us to promote TDWC, attract new members, sell members work, Oh and have a bit of fun.

I am in the middle of contacting the volunteer groups that organise these local events to see if they hope to go ahead after a 1 or 2 years absence. Last year Timperley Country Fair was the only event TDWC attended; but hopefully that might prove to others that it can be done. I hope to report back in future newsletters that there are several events; so get refining your skills, ramp up your making and keep your diaries free. TDWC needs you.

The best event for sales has been the 2 day weekend event 'Hayfield Sheep Dog Trials and Country Show' and it has already been cancelled. I think from a chance meeting with a friend that there is more to this than Covid, sad though but responses from other events are much more encouraging.

Julian Birtwell

Club nights - How things are:

For the time being, TDWC General Meetings with workshops and monthly demonstrations will continue at Sale West Community Centre with the following provisos:

On arrival, everyone should take the normal precautions in using hand sanitiser before signing onto the Attendance Sheet.

Members are asked to wear masks at all times, excepting when they are actually drinking their own refreshments. Refreshments will not be provided.

Members to get out chairs/equipment as required for themselves and be responsible for sanitising them when putting them away.

Members are encouraged to complying with current Covid regulations and to have their Covid Vaccine jabs.

The committee hope to maintain the Club Calendar with monthly meetings but will continue to monitor the situation and keep you informed of any further changes. We hope that you will now feel safer but if there are any concerns do please contact Secretary, Martin Nield or any other member of the TDWC Committee.

Despite changes, we warmly encourage members to come and join us at meetings to enjoy and safely share with other members and visitors, their interest in all things wood!

We are endeavouring to keep the Club Space comfortable and safe and we hope this will encourage members who have not been with us yet this year to come and join in.

You are warmly welcome and we look forward to seeing you again soon.

EDITOR'S NEW YEAR PLEA... It would be really good if members could send in a contribution for spring editions of the TDWC eNewsletter (as we have little news to share)..

Please tell us about recent experiences in the workshop; problems you have encountered in your crafting and of your successes. Perhaps share news/details about places you have visited; or programmes about things that interest you.

This newsletter is for **all** of us; and it may help everyone get to know each other better and for those who can not get to meetings or workshops to feel more involved.

So please make a new year resolution... to send something to the Editor this year.

Health and Safety

Just a short reminder concerning Club kit.

Before using any piece of electrical equipment always look at the plug and the cable/ flex to see if there is any obvious breakage or damage. It is your responsibility to carry out a quick check, as per Club Safety rules. If there are any problems please let me know or any other member of committee.

There must be at least two club members in attendance for any tools or equipment to be used. This includes hand tools, and power tools and machinery.

No club member should undertake any lone work whatsoever.

Recently when using the bandsaw it was noticed that the cable was a bit loose where it entered the machine. Also the cable had some yellow electrical tape wrapped around it near the machine end. Hadn't noticed this before and it was removed.

Underneath there were some small cracks in the outer sheath. Fortunately our member, Stewart, has now replaced the cable with some stronger stuff.
Thanks Stewart.

The bandsaw and table saw in particular needs a Committee Member present to catch any flying fingers etc.

David Jones

MAGNIFICENT SALE Tuesday 18 January

If you missed it, then contact Julian to see what is left...

More pen stuff plus much more all at massive savings and a lot of the proceeds is going to TDWC funds.

Break open your piggy banks or even somebody else's!!

Card payment will be accepted just in case you go mad.

I am still going to rummage in Henry's workshop next Saturday.

Do tell me if there is anything that you would like as his widow really wants the workshop emptied.

Julian Birtwell 07779 874513

Do you recognize this?

It is a space,

Yours...

to fill with news, anecdotes, photos
or anything that you feel might interest fellow members!

JIGSAW SWAP

Over 30 jigsaws available to swap (or purchase) individually or several together.
Mainly 1,000 piece designs, with just a few smaller ones,.

Majority are from new with the boxes and puzzles undamaged,
All complete - no pieces missing.

Please ring/email to discuss what designs we have available and whether you have jigsaws for free swaps or if you want to purchase any at very reasonable prices.

We can then arrange to bring a selection to a club night, or meet locally.



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TRAFFORD & DISTRICT WOODCRAFT CLUB (updated 16/1/2022)

2022	TIMETABLED CLUB NIGHT EVENTS DEMO nights 1st Tuesdays monthly 18.30 – 22.00. (Feb to Nov) except April due to Easter April's demo is on March 29th 2022 Xmas Party on December 13th 18.30 – 22.00. All other 'Normal workshop' Tuesdays 18.30 – 21.30	MONTHLY COMPETITION 3 Classes - Turned - Carved - General Woodwork
Jan 18th / 25th	Normal Club Workshop	
Feb 1st	Dave AKO Atkinson-Woodturner & AWGB tutor CONFIRMED	Your favourite piece
Feb 8th	Normal Club Workshop	
Feb 15th	Normal Club Workshop	
Feb 22nd	Normal Club Workshop	
March 1st	Emma Cook 'The Tiny Turner' Woodturner & Carver CONFIRMED	A spindle piece
March 8 th / 15th	Normal Club Workshop	
March 22nd	Normal Club Workshop	
March 29th	Chris Fisher "The Blind Woodturner" RPT CONFIRMED	A faceplate piece
April 5 th / 12th	Normal Club Workshop	
April 19 th / 26th	Normal Club Workshop	
May 3rd	Rick Dobney Woodturner RPT ***New to TDWC*** CONFIRMED	A box
May 10 th / 17th	Normal Club Workshop	
May 24 th / 31st	Normal Club Workshop	
MAY/JUNE FRIENDS OF ASHTON ON MERSEY VILLAGE BIG PICNIC ASHTON PARK TBC		
SUNDAY 5th JUNE JOHN LEIGH PARK ALTRINCHAM 'JUBILEE' FAMILY FUN DAY		
-- HOPING TO GO AHEAD TBC		
June 7th	Julian Birtwell TDWC member CONFIRMED	A bowl
June 14th	Normal Club Workshop	
SUNDAY 19th JUNE SALE LIONS FATHERS DAY @ WORTHINGTON PARK SALE		
-- HOPING TO GO AHEAD TBC		
June 21st	Normal Club Workshop	
June 28th	Normal Club Workshop	
SALE ARTS TRAIL TBC		
July 5th	Paula Kearey Green Woodworker TBC	TBA
July 12 th / 19 th / 26 th	Normal Club Workshop	
August 2nd	Brian Ledsham TDWC member CONFIRMED	TBA
August 9th / 16 th	Normal Club Workshop	
August 23 rd / 30th	Normal Club Workshop	
Sept 6th	Richard Finley Production woodturner CONFIRMED	TBA
TIMPERLEY COUNTRY FAIR SEPTEMBER 10th TBC		
Sept 13th	Normal Club Workshop	
HAYFIELD SHEEP DOG TRIAL AND SHOW - CANCELLED ALREADY!		
Sept 20 th / 27th	Normal Club Workshop	
Oct 4th	Steve Heeley Woodturner CONFIRMED	TBA
Oct 11 th / 18 th / 25th	Normal Club Workshop	
Nov 1st	Dave Thwaite TDWC member TBC	An Xmas piece
Nov 8th	Normal Club Workshop	
HARROGATE WOOD SHOW Nov 11th-13th We hope to run our usual coach transport for members TBC		
Nov 15 th / 22 nd / 29	Normal Club Workshop	
ASHTON ON MERSEY VILLAGE XMAS FAIR TBC		
SALE ARTS TRAIL XMAS BAZAAR TBC		
Dec 6th	Normal Club Workshop	
Dec 13 th 18.30 – 22.00	Club Xmas Party - Free entry to all members & their partners. Food & drink donations most welcome.	Your 'best' piece as yet unseen at TDWC
Dec 20 th & Dec 27 th	Closed - Merry Xmas & A Very Happy 2023	
2023 Jan 3rd	Normal Club Workshop No Demo this month	None this month